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For: **METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PROTECTING A PASSAGEWAY IN A BODY WHEN ADVANCING DEVICES THROUGH THE PASSAGEWAY**

Application Elements:

- ☒ Specification (28 pages); 67 claims on pages 18-27; Abstract of the disclosure.
- ☒ Twenty-six (26) sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Declaration.
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